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# The Token Hunter

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*Dedicated to the collecting, recording and preserving of Utah's historical medals, tokens, coins and bottles*

## President's Message



Hello everyone. Thank you all for your participation at this year's club picnic! I hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I did. Along with the fantastic participation and camaraderie we enjoy as a club, I want to add a special thanks to our officers that devote a tremendous amount of time and energy behind the scenes. From the website, newsletter, coin shows, acquiring supplies and prizes for meetings and managing the finances of the club, these folks are doing outstanding work to make the NUTS Club successful. Our guest speaker for September 22nd meeting will be Mr. Johnny Player, giving a presentation on screening for bottles, tokens, marbles, and other treasure. Johnny is one of Utah's most knowledgeable and successful hunters so, be sure not to miss this one! Remember to bring your finds from both August and September as the finds of the month contest resumes this month. Hope to see everyone on the 22nd. Good hunting!



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Don't forget about the drawing we  
will have lots of great prizes



## Gold Select Club Medal



Medals Chairman Don Swain will  
Have the medals @ this months  
Meeting.





# 2011 Club BBQ



Firing up the grills



Talking treasure with friends



Everyone had a great time &  
Dug deep for treasure at the  
tag hunt

## Maverick Utah Trade Tokens

There are few things that top the excitement of finding a trade token. Sometimes however, the initial excitement is tempered when you realize that your token find is a “maverick”. A maverick token is one that does not display a clear origin as to its town, state, or merchant. Maverick tokens can be as simple as a single letter on one side with good for something on the other. They can also be full of information such as the proprietor’s name, street number, and type of business but offer no clues as to where the business was located. In general, tokens containing all of the above information are more sought after by collectors and carry a higher value. Does this mean that your maverick is worth less and destined for the “whatzit” drawer? Not necessarily. A lot of tokens from very small towns were made with little thought as to listing the city and state because everyone in town knew the business or the owner and it seemed redundant to add that information, not to mention the additional cost to the merchant in adding extra letters to the token. Many maverick tokens are valuable and the even better news is that a lot of research has already been done for you! Bob Campbell and Harry Campbell before him produced authoritative guides to Utah Tokens. These books are out of print and costly when you can find them but, a CD version of Bob’s book is available at a very reasonable price. My copy has paid for itself tenfold. If you don’t have the guide, it is helpful to know someone who does. (A word of caution, if that someone is a potential buyer, you are disadvantaged by them knowing the value of your token before you do). If it is not listed in the Utah Guide, don’t give up. Tokens travelled a lot. It is not uncommon to find another state’s token here in Utah and many are valuable. There are online databases devoted to token identification that can be very helpful but most do not discuss rarity or value. For most of us, getting token books from every state is not realistic. This is where having access to a reputable token dealer (which we all do) is important. Finally, what if despite all of your searching, your maverick is not attributed. Historical archives, newspapers, POLK directories and such often contain references to business and owners along with dates the establishment operated. To attribute a token in this manner is not an easy task; it requires a lot of time, research, and perseverance. Knowing the characteristics, manufacturer styles, metal compositions along with corresponding dates for the styles of tokens is also important. Consider whether more than one has been found and if so, were they found in the same area. This can help determine which town, county, or state to direct your search efforts. Remember, almost every token out there had a “first one found/known”. Your maverick could be the next “big one” in Utah Token history, especially if it is from a town previously not known to have a token attributed there!

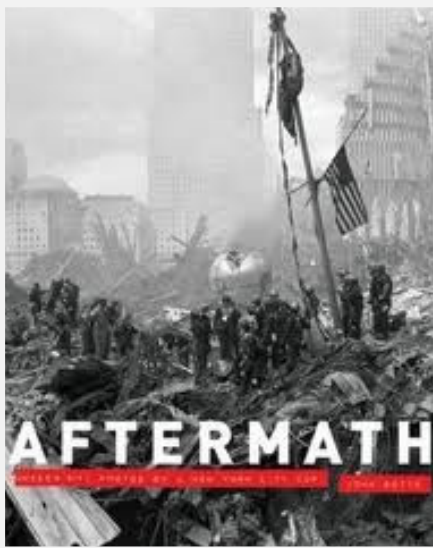
## Miscellaneous club news

Meeting 700 p.m. September 22nd  
Columbus Community Center  
2531 South 400 East  
South Salt Lake, Utah

Time for the UNS Coin Show  
October 21st & 22nd  
Salt Lake Community Collage  
Larry H. Miller Campus  
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## The 2011 Grand Finale Auction

We've saved the best for last!  
November 29th & 30th in Reno, NV

This 2 part/2 catalog sale will feature the crème de la crème of our Numismatic items on day one, followed by our Western Americana cherry picks on day two... this auction may just be our signature sale of 2011.

### Numismat-Attack!

### TOKENS! TOKENS! TOKENS!

**LOADED with hidden treasures sure to wow TOKEN COLLECTORS, DEALERS AND ENTHUSIASTS!**

A Unique K4 1851 887, Thous Augustus Humbert, with 50 Gold Piece "Augustus Inverted"

A Major Collection of California Counters

Louis & Clark 1905 Exposition So-Called Dollars

#### Indian Trader Tokens

*If you missed out on our record breaking spring sale, here's another chance - don't miss out!*

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*Featuring Utah, choice pieces from the long anticipated Mel Reiter Collection.*

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*GREAT ORIGINAL SALOON ITEMS to compliment your token collection!*

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*Collectors finally get a stab at Bill Weber's transportation collection.*

#### Token Reference Library

*Invaluable material for even the most knowledgeable collectors!*

Carson City Dollars

Cal Gold

An Incredible 1000 ounce Atocha Ingot

#### The Vinegar Collection of fine Arizona & New Mexico Tokens

*Many R9 & R10 - he only collected the rarest pieces or varieties - many unlisted!*

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The Disney Stock Certificate Collection

Murphy's Archive 1848-70

Clint Maish's Western Mining Stock Certificates

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